

Parsippany Christian School: Jessica Carducci, "Love Is All Around;" Troy Costa, "A Mother's Love;" Austin Dimare, "Dream in Color;" Mariah Urban, "Mademoiselle."

Parsippany High School: Ashley Del Rio, "Untitled."

Pequannock Township High School: Stephanie Baryla, "Angry Man;" Rachel Ciavarella, "Red Peppers;" Jacob De Boer, "Venison Stew;" Emily Grimaldi, "Love is Just Another Weapon."

Pope John XXIII High School: Meredith Cahill, "Will you play with me?" Michelle Puglio, "Maura."

Ridge High School: Benjamin Callahan, "Survive;" Grace Cheung, "Journey Through Equus;" Andrea Ibarra, "Max;" Mike Sommer, "Not Today."

Roxbury High School: Jimmy Le, "Details in Lines;" Jonathan Melicharek, "One word spoken, one decision made, one life taken;" Ariel Mizrahi, "I'm Shattered;" Ashley Wolff, "C.C. Self Portrait."

Sparta High School: Jessica Ciona, "Blue Shoe;" Sydney Liebman, "Missy's Stare;" Meghan Salmeri, "Spring in Washington;" Stephen Vocaturo, "Montego."

Veritas Christian Academy: Ionela Corforte, "Complex Simplicity."

Watchung Hills Regional High School: Sophie Armenante, "Orchid;" Sofia Lizza, "Organic;" Lauren Merrill, "Great Swamp 2011;" Carolyn Thornton, "Avonlea."

West Morris Mendham High School: Carolyn Aluotto, "Crystal Cantata;" Genevieve Asselin, "Applause;" Dana Barlock, "Cradel Us;" Hannah Lang, "Ocean Treasures."

Whippany Park High School: Run Wang, "Secret Letters."

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

## NATIONAL TRAIN DAY RESOLUTION

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day. National Train Day is on May 7th and celebrates the long history and critical importance of rail in the United States.

In May 1869 the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie at Promontory Summit, Utah, ceremonially completing the first transcontinental railroad and therefore connecting both coasts of the United States. Suddenly, the country was united in a way it never had been and the sound of a train whistle was the soundtrack of happy reunions and tearful farewells. It heralded the arrival of mail, supplies and change. The train station became a focal

point of every community, from New York City's Pennsylvania Station to the tiny stations that dotted rural America.

Today, passenger and freight service are increasing dramatically, making this a perfect time to celebrate the strength of the railroad industry and passenger rail service in the United States. For many rural Americans, Amtrak represents the only major intercity transportation link to the rest of the country.

Indeed, Amtrak ridership and revenue have never been stronger. During 2010 Amtrak welcomed aboard more than 28.7 million passengers, the largest annual total in Amtrak's history. An average of more than 78,000 passengers rides more than 300 Amtrak trains per day.

We are experiencing a renaissance in passenger rail in this country, and if we want to keep up with our international competitors, we need to make a significant investment in passenger and high-speed rail. I've advocated for and support a dedicated source of funding for rail and would encourage the committee to include a minimum of \$50 billion dollars for high-speed and intercity passenger rail over the life of the bill. Compared to the funding levels in the overall bill and the money being spent in other countries on rail, \$50 billion is a drop in the bucket.

Although we have some very small thinking Governors, support for high-speed rail is still high. The FRA received more than 90 applications from 24 states, the District of Columbia, and Amtrak for the \$2.4 billion that Florida just gave up. The requests total nearly \$10 billion dollars.

Finally, I want to thank the hard working men and women who work at Amtrak and make it possible for millions of Americans to get to work, travel for business, and visit friends and relatives.

## A TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN JOST ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my constituent, Lillian Mohr Jost, who will be 100 years old on May 8th. She is a remarkable woman and a proud American who has lived through, and participated in, many of our nation's most important events over the last century. Ms. Jost grew up in New York City, where her father and grandfather built pipe organs, including the one for the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876. Thomas Edison recruited her uncle to refine the lead composition for his new invention, the phonograph. Ms. Jost remembers the glorious night in her childhood when electricity replaced the gas lamps on the streets of New York City.

When she was nine, she walked her mother (who was blind) to the polls for the first time—women having just that year gained the right to vote. Three years later, visiting Washington, D.C., with her parents, she read a small sign in a shop window that said, "The President has died of apoplexy." In the next few days, she witnessed the arrival at Union Station of the already-sworn-in President Calvin Co-

lidge and the solemn pomp of Warren Harding's presidential funeral.

Ms. Jost graduated from Vassar College in 1932 and went on to Columbia University to become a librarian—this service would become her life's work. A passionate American, she took up flying lessons when World War II broke out, with the goal of joining the Women's Army Air Corp. Although the War, and the need for women pilots, ended before she achieved her desire, she was inducted into the Ninety Nines, that illustrious group of female pilots founded by Amelia Earhart.

As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Ms. Jost drove the Military Brass when they arrived in New York from the battle front to be debriefed. She met her beloved husband Elmer at a military ball of the Old Guard of the City of New York, where he, too, appeared in Civil Air Patrol uniform. Their love brought forth four daughters, 16 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and a growing number of great-great-grandchildren.

As she turns 100, Ms. Jost remains devoted to her country, her church, to America's parks and wilderness, and to animal causes everywhere. She continues to be optimistic about the future, and is always vigilant for new things to learn and new adventures on which to embark. She recently took up the practice of yoga; she is an avid solver of crossword puzzles; and she keeps vigilant watch over the deer and other wildlife that frequent the yard of her Fair Oaks, California, home. She truly embodies the best of the American spirit. Congratulations, Lillian Jost!

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF DARLENE JENSEN

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and work of Darlene Jensen, who passed away on April 13, 2011. Darlene was a legendary Tulare community leader. In fact, she was named Tulare Woman of the Year in 1993. For many people, Darlene was Tulare Woman of the Year, every year.

Darlene lived in Tulare her entire life. She was born on January 20, 1948, and attended Tulare Western High School and the College of the Sequoias before beginning a career in banking. She started at Security Pacific National Bank and worked for almost 20 years at the downtown Tulare branch of Wells Fargo, becoming a "Star Manager."

Many people will remember Darlene as the manager of Wells Fargo. But many more will remember her lasting contribution to the community of Tulare. At the time of her death, Darlene was president of the Tulare Improvement Board and vice-president of the Board of Utilities. For her public service, she was named Legislative Woman of the Year in 2001. She was also active in the St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Our Lady of Fatima Celebration, and past-president of the Lions Club.

This only begins to tell part of the story of Darlene's commitment to the people of Tulare. Her energy was prodigious. There were few groups, clubs, or events in Tulare in which Darlene was not in some way involved. They